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Drinking water wells for Harijans in South Arcot district

* 2351 *Q.*—Sri S. DAIVASIGAMONEY (on behalf of Sri A. Ratnam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount sanctioned for drinking water wells for Harijans by the District Harijan Welfare Department in South Arcot district in the year 1954–55 ;

(*b*) the amount actually spent from the amount; and

(*c*) the number of new wells sunk during the year 1954–55 and the number of old wells repaired in South Arcot district?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY : (*a*) Rs. 8,200.

(*b*) Rs. 4,284.

(*c*) (i) The number of new wells sunk during 1954–55—9.

(ii) Number of wells repaired in South Arcot district—7.

Sri S. R. ARUMUGAM : It is the policy of the Government to throw open all public wells to all irrespective of caste. I wish to know whether the Government have thrown open to Harijans all the public wells in South Arcot district and, if so, the number of such wells.

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY : All public wells are open to all classes and communities.

Rehabilitation of persons affected by the Araniyar Project

* 2352 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state with reference to the answer to question No. 1677 given on 23rd March 1955, the cost of the proposals for rehabilitating persons dispossessed on account of the Araniyar Project?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : The cost of the rehabilitation proposals is still under examination by the Collector of Chingleput. It approximately works out to Rs. 5,76,000.

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP : May I know the rehabilitation steps that have so far been taken by the Government?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : The proposal is to allot land which costs about Rs. 4½ lakhs. Then there is provision for house-sites, supply of timber free of cost (Rs. 93,000), provision of drinking water facilities (Rs. 10,000 odd), charges for transporting the belongings of the ryots to the newly formed villages (Rs. 2,000) and other charges (Rs. 2,700 odd).

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SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : On a previous occasion there was a request by the residents of the locality that the trees standing there may be auctioned to them, and the Government promised to consider the request. May I know whether any steps have been taken for auctioning the trees?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : If it had been promised, due steps will be taken to implement it.

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : It has been recorded that most of the assurances given by the Government are not implemented. That is why I ask the Government whether the promise has been implemented and, if not whether it will be implemented soon.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : I take objection to the statement that most of the assurances are not implemented. Anyway, I shall examine the question.

Closure period of Uyyakondan channel

* 2353 Q.—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government received in March 1955, a mahazar from the ayacutdars of Uyyakondan channel for changing the period of closure to May every year instead of June; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : (a) Yes.

(b) Orders have been issued by the Collector fixing the closure period as from 1st to 31st May.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Are the Government aware that in spite of the orders of the Collector, the closure is made as usual, and will the Government take steps to implement the orders of the Collector?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : This year it was closed on 3rd June instead of 31st May. There was a delay of only three or four days. Orders of the Collector have been issued now and hereafter it will be followed.

Free passes for the City Police in Government Transport buses

* 2354 Q.—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI (on behalf of Sri K. P. Gopalan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state the number of free passes issued to the different divisions of the Madras City Police for travelling in Government Transport buses?